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SLOW BUILDING OF POWER PLANT

Only 220 of the planned 800 volunteer laborers have arrived to work on the construction project, and there is a shortage of machinery.

The hydroelectric power plant at Vinodol, now under construction, will be one of the largest in Yugoslavia when completed. It will furnish the Croatian Primorje and Gorski Kotar with power, besides supplying a great deal of power for the industrial needs of Zagreb.

An artificial lake will be built to assure an adequate water supply for the power plant.

Tunnels several kilometers long, the artificial lake, and a building to house the great turbine are now being built. A long-distance power line now under construction between Karlovac and Vinodol will connect the northwest system of the Croatian electric power net with the hydroelectric power plant in Vinodol by means of the Zagreb-Karlovac power line, built last year.

In April the builders of the Vlasina, Serbia, hydroelectric power plant diverted the Vlasina River into the lake which will be used for turning the turbines of the power plant. More than 8 million cubic meters of water have already flowed into the lake. The Bozicka River and its tributaries will soon be diverted into the lake. Work on this part of the project began early in April.

Although only 5,000 - 6,000 kilowatts of the output of the Belgrade power plant are used at night, its load rises to more than 25,000 kilowatts during the day.

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